MINUTES ZIONSVILLE SAFETY BOARD MEETING JANUARY 18, 2006

1. ZIONSVILLE SAFETY BOARD PRESIDENT DICK CRANE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:30 PM.

2. THOSE PRESENT WERE:

PRESIDENT DICK CRANE, BOARD MEMBER JIM RAY, BOARD MEMBER ART HARRIS, TOWN ATTY. BRIAN FRITTS, TOWN MARSHAL JAMES WAMPLER

3. MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the November 16, 2005 Zionsville Safety Board meeting minutes.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

4. REPORTS

A. Marshal

1. Wampler gave the Year End 2005 Zionsville Police Department Activity Report.

2. Reserves

Presently there are eight Reserve Deputy officers with the Zionsville Police Department.

Wampler expressed some concern on how statistics are gathered for the Zionsville Police Department Activity Report that he presents to the Safety Board each month. At present the information is gathered and faxed to Zionsville Police from Boone County dispatch. Zionsville's statistics are derived by the amount of radio traffic Boone County dispatch receives from each officer on duty.

One of the goals Wampler has submitted to Town Manager Ed Mitro is for more computerization in record keeping from within the Zionsville Police Department.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Update on Communication System

1. Wampler explained that the Jamestown and Thorntown towers have equipment, electricity and the small maintenance buildings that go next to the towers installed. The Snyder Group as of January 1, 2006 were to break ground on their tower. Hand held radios have been programmed. April or May of 2006 the new system should be running and the old system completely replaced.

B. Update on Parking Issue

- The Zionsville Safety Board made their recommendation reference parking. The issue has gone to the Merchants Association. Wampler met with a committee from the Merchants Association. There were questions in reference to implementation of some design features. The committee is writing to the Town Council supporting proposal number one. One way streets and parking from 1st to Elm Street and with Oak Street going east and Cedar Street going west.
 Loading zones and handicap parking were the main topics of discussion.
- C. New Ordinance for Stop Signs and Speed Limits
 - 1. Wampler briefly went over the contents of the ordinance. Fritts discussed the changes in state statues in reference to Main Street. One of the changes is that the speed limit can not go under 20 on Main Street. The alternative is that the street must be titled to the Parks Department and considered property of the park. Harris expressed objections to the changes in the state statues. It was agreed that the Safety Board would give Harris until the February 15th 2006 Safety Board meeting to see if there was any chance of lowering the speed limit on Ash Street and Sycamore Street from 20 to 15 contrary to state statues.
 - 2. Wampler wanted the Safety Board to be aware of the complaints received from the general public about 96th Street and Zionsville Rd speed limit and signage since annexation into the town. He was asked to discuss this with Lance Lantz Superintendent of the Street Department for Zionsville about raising the speed limit from 30 to 35 along with proper signage.

Officer Elliott Russell has resigned effective January 31, 2006. There are now 20 applicants for the two openings on the Zionsville Police Department.

The Board agreed that the Safety Board meetings should start 7:00pm instead of 7:30pm starting with the February 15, 2006 meeting.

ADJOURN

- C. Walker
- J. Wampler